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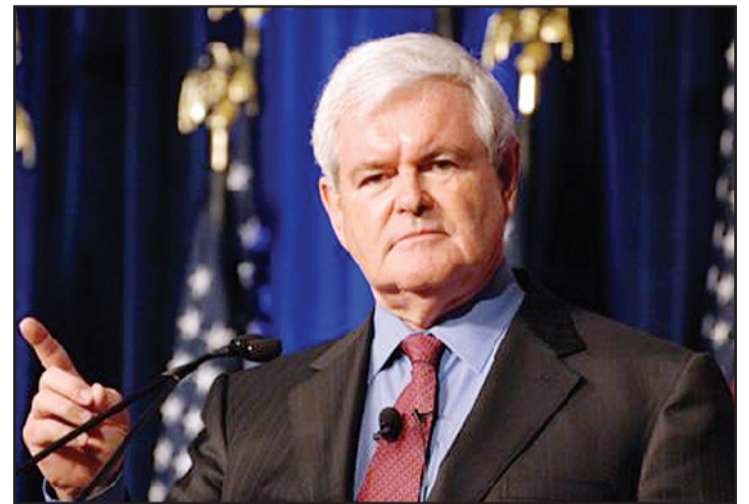
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Gingrich 'to quit White House race next week'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Newt Gingrich has decided to quit his long-shot US presidential run and will next week throw his support behind presumptive Republican nominee Mitt Romney, his spokesman said yesterday.

Gingrich, a fiery former speaker of the House of Representatives, is expected to hold a final event in Washington on Tuesday May 1, after which he will suspend his White House campaign, which has foundered in recent months.

The New York Times reported that Gingrich telephoned Romney, a former



governor of Massachusetts, to tell him that after next week's event he would start working

to win voters for his former rival ahead of November's election.

ATIA applauds the solution for the defunct Bushiri Hotel



ATIA (Aruba Trade & Industry Association) recently announced that they were delighted that after a long process of evaluation, a developer for the defunct Bushiri Hotel was found in the Hard Rock Hotel group. They applauded the fact that soon the ruins on our Boulevard will become an excellent quality hotel with a plan to beautify the entire area and to incorporate an educational program and facilities in the property.

ATIA expressed appreciation for the manner in which

the selection process was conducted. They applauded the fact that reputable instances such as the Central Bank, and the Chamber of Commerce and others were members of the commission. This, they claim provided for an impartial decision and the guarantee that this project has the greatest probability of being developed in a transparent manner which will benefit the island and our tourism industry in particular.

The investment of 120 million dollars is a significant

amount for our economy, and the establishment of a hotel chain which is developing strongly in our region, will most probably attract an affluent and younger type of tourist which could be seen as a diversification of our tourism market, according to ATIA.

ATIA also expressed the opinion that they would like to see this same type of Government modus operandi applied to future programs/projects to ensure transparency and maximum benefit for Aruba.

30 die in Syria as France says peace plan 'compromised'

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Violence in Syria claimed the lives of another 30 people yesterday, as France said the UN-backed peace plan was "seriously compromised" and that the deployment of monitors should be speeded up.

UN-Arab envoy Kofi Annan had urged a rapid deployment of the full, 300-strong observer team agreed by the UN Security Council, and French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said they should be on the ground in a fortnight, not three months.

Juppe said "things are not going well; the Annan plan is strongly compromised but

there is still a chance for this mediation, on the condition of the rapid deployment of the 300 monitors."

At the moment, there are only 15 observers in the country.

Annan has branded the bloodshed "unacceptable" as he and world powers called for the speedy deployment of the 300 observers.

Given the ongoing violence, he said it was urgent for them to arrive in Syria quickly.

But UN peacekeeping chief Herve Ladsous said it would take at least one month to get the first 100 into Syria.


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Courtesy visit to Minister by US Professors here on assignment at National Public Library



During the past week, Minister of Justice and Education, Arthur Dowers, received a courtesy visit from Dr. Nancy Cirillo and Professor Peter Hepburn of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Accompanying the two US professors were Director of Aruba's National Public Library, Astrid Britten and Ronny Alders, National Public Library associate.

The purpose of the visit of Nancy Cirillo and Peter Hepburn is to share valuable information regarding the interesting work of public libraries and education. The Minister was impressed with the work being done by our National Library Director and Associate. Through their business travels for the Library and their asso-

ciation with and attendance to ACURIL (Association of Caribbean Universities, Research and Institutional Libraries), they are able to network with and bring experts like Cirillo and Hepburn to Aruba.

Dr. Cirillo and Peter Hepburn gave a lecture at the University of Aruba last March 22nd, and again on March 23rd to VWO students at the Cas di Cultura. Dr. Cirillo spoke on the topic of: "Loot or World Treasure: Libraries and Collecting from the Postcolonial World."

Through the visit of Cirillo and Hepburn an interesting platform for cooperation between Aruba's Public Library, the University of Aruba and the University of Illinois at Chi-

cago was created. Reportedly, there are various interesting projects in the pipeline for Aruba through this cooperation between the three institutions.

Dr. Nancy Cirillo is professor of English at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She holds a doctorate in West European Comparative Literature. Dr. Cirillo has done extensive research into the roots of Fascism as reflected in works of art. This interest directed her to refocus on the study of post-colonialism with special attention to the Caribbean region.

Professor Peter Hepburn is a professor and specialist in library digitalization. Hepburn is attached to the "Richard J. Daley Library" at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is also adjunct professor for Library Systems and Catalogues at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Hepburn has written numerous articles and has been awarded for his excellent work; he does presentations both locally and internationally. The Aruba National Public Library was delighted to have these experts here sharing their knowledge and expertise; theirs was a most valuable contribution to the further development of our public library and our people here.

UNESCO Nat'l. Commissions visits Aruba's National Archive



Representatives of UNESCO National Commissions from Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Aruba visited Aruba's National Archives (ANA) last Thursday afternoon. They were graciously guided by Mrs. Rosa Arends, associate of ANA, and Archives Director, Raymond Hernandez.

The national memory and cultural heritage of Aruba is administered and conserved at our National Archive, and is at the disposition and service of all citizens of Aruba and visitors, and for future generations.

The group of visitors spent the afternoon at the National Archives exchanging interesting information. They received ample information from and about ANA. They also re-

alized that there are several projects which could be realized in cooperation with UNESCO.

Mrs. Arends also shared with the group some of the projects which were patronized by UNESCO. Some of those projects were for publications and others were technical in nature.

Many projects may yet be realized. Much of what the members of UNESCO saw at the Aruba National Archives may be projects for collaboration with UNESCO.

The UNESCO Commissions were delighted to learn more of Aruba. They were impressed with the information received about Aruba and with the cordial welcome and care from Aruba in general.



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Beyond "Outthinking" Competition: Build Disruptive Capabilities



In today's hyper-competitive environment it's no longer sufficient to simply 'outthink' competition. While so called 'outthinkers' may have a temporary advantage, they need to move beyond 'outthinking' and build disruptive capabilities that 'out-act' and 'out-pace' competition. The ability to achieve breakthroughs and sustain competitiveness depends not only on the individual capacity to outthink the competition, but the collective capability to disrupt markets and competition by strategic maneuvering and disruptive transformation.

Based on his extensive

international research and consulting work over the past decades, Prof. Dr. Ryan Peterson recently elaborated on the notion of building disruptive capabilities and developing habits of effective entrepreneurship, which include deliberate disruption for transformation competitiveness.

During his well-attended workshop at the business marketplace for entrepreneurs at the World Trade Center, he discussed traditional models of 'defend and extend' strategies, which no longer work in a new era of hyper-competition. Thriving on hyper-competition requires more than simply (out-) thinking; it re-

quires the habit (attitude and actions) of 'transformational disruption'.

While our island economies, industries and companies have been relatively immune to some of the globally disruptive trends, today we see a new reality emerging shifting from slow-moving stable industries to an environment characterized by a quick-strike mentality and strategic maneuvering on the part of entrepreneurs aimed specifically at disrupting the competitive advantage of traditional markets.

More than simply a different mindset and way of thinking, transformational competitiveness requires a

completely different attitude and actions on the part of entrepreneurs and transformers. Smart companies that sustain competitiveness turn 'knowledge into action', and 'mindsets into maneuvers' that take the competition and customers by surprise.

Any advantage is thus short-lived and continually created, eroded, destroyed and recreated through 'strategic (deliberate) shake-ups'.

"The way to go about competing and winning today is simply to obliterate markets and make current advantages obsolete" Prof. Dr. Peterson concludes.

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Celebrity Chef Michelle Brown shares her passion



Michelle Brown and the meats of the day

L.G. Smith Steak and Chop House in the Renaissance Mall welcomed celebrity Chef Michelle Brown, owner of the famed Jag's Steak and Seafood of West Chester, Ohio to mentor their culinary staff and devise a special limited-time gourmet menu, now being offered just in time for Mother's Day.

While on island, Michelle collaborated with Elizabeth Wunderlich of the U.S. Meat Export Federation and Woody Ham of Buckhead Beef, out of Atlanta, Georgia, to present an enlightening afternoon for island chefs and restaurant own-

ers about how to enliven their menus and learn the newest trends preparing beef and other meats. All the beef dishes deploy U.S. Certified Angus Beef, and Chef Brown explained after long study and testing, she found it the most consistent for quality and taste.

Chef Brown, a Cincinnati native, originally was intending to be a teacher, but discovered her true calling while working at the Banker's Club as a valet and had to clock in at the kitchen on her first day of work.

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Woody Ham explains new ways of portioning beef

Scratch and Win campaign with Pepsi begins



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Don't miss the Caribbean Festival this coming Thursday



SAN NICOLAS -- Every Thursday evening, islanders flock to San Nicolas to enjoy the fabulous bargains and entertainment of the Caribbean Festival, a mix of Aruban and Caribbean traditions kept alive by the multi-cultural make up of Aruba's "Sunrise City."

Originally populated by the thousands that came from all over the Caribbean to work at the refinery, the town has savored and preserved the food, music and dance that many brought with them from their various regions. The festival revels in the diverse background of San Nicolas, offering unique dishes and beverages, along with a full evening of island entertainment.

This week, organ grinder 'Buguruy' specializing in folkloric music and 'Zeta Band' opens the show from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. A full roster of some of Aruba's finest criollo entertainers follows including dance groups 'The Superdancers' and 'Sunrise Dancers,' Sharon Rose, and Carnival show by Carna-Aruba end the evening, and this is only on the main stage!

Scattered throughout the main street of San Nicolas are performance areas surround by seating where you can settle in with an island snack or dinner, including steelpan music man Nico Connors OBS Brassband and Limbo Dance show by Miguel Philips

Island visitors can enjoy the Caribbean festival as part of a complete package available at all De Palm and concierge desks, which include transportation. You can customize you evening by purchasing with or without food and refreshments. A variety of local handicrafts are offered for sale and the event guarantees a good time for all, with an authentic introduction to the island experience.

Celebrity Chef Michelle Brown shares her passion

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"The white jackets, the stern looking chef, the camaraderie....I fell in love. It took me a couple of months to be hired in the kitchen, and then Executive Chef Jon York took me under his wing and still today, he is my mentor and friend." She spent three years in San Francisco honing her skills before returning to Cincinnati to become the Executive Chef of Beckett Ridge Country Club, eventually opening Jag's in 2003, which was an instant success competing against quite a few more conveniently located steakhouses.

She discussed the challenges confronting most owner/ chefs face in

these financially troubling times: working profitably while maintaining quality, a subject about which she is adamant. "It is a restaurant's downfall when they begin to compromise quality and consistency," she told the gathering. Her lecture included strategies to "fill the house," looking at ways to prepare less expensive cuts and meats that are just as tasty and appealing as traditionally expensive meats, and the aspect of downsizing, "updressing" and exploring all the options to maintain a profit, but still please the patrons.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Madeleine McCann could still be alive: UK police

LONDON (AFP) -- British police reviewing the disappearance of Madeleine McCann said yesterday they believe she could still be alive five years after she went missing in Portugal and urged authorities there to reopen their search.

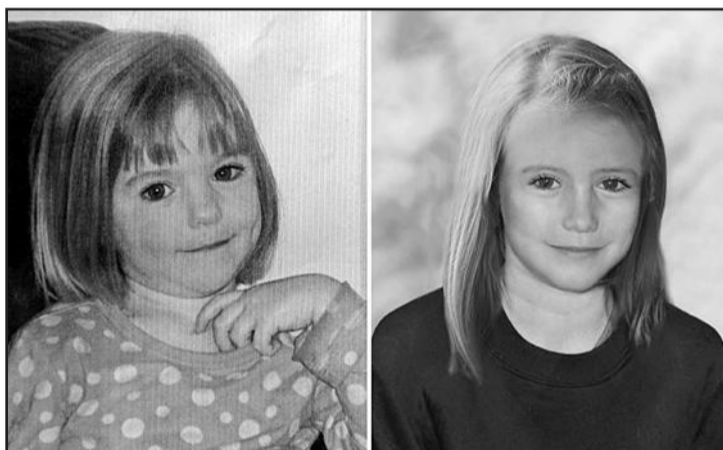
The Scotland Yard team sifting through a wealth of material relating to the youngster, who vanished in 2007, said they had identified 195 "investigative opportunities" that could be followed up.

They also urged the Portuguese judiciary to allow the case to be reopened, saying Portuguese police also wanted to re-start the search.

Scotland Yard renewed their appeal for information as they released a computer-generated image, created by experts, of how Madeleine might look now approaching what would be her ninth birthday on May 12.

Madeleine, who was almost four at the time, disappeared from the family's holiday flat in Praia da Luz on the Portuguese south coast on May 3, 2007 while her parents were at dinner.

"We genuinely believe there is a possibility that she is alive," said Detective Chief Inspector Andy Redwood from Scotland Yard's Homicide and Serious Crime Command, who



A combination of images shows a picture of missing British girl Madeleine McCann taken when she was three-years-old and a computer generated image released by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) showing how police believe she would look today, aged 9. (AFP Photo)

is leading the investigative review. "And we are currently developing material which we believe represents genuinely new information."

He said the review, launched last year, was a quarter of the way through its work.

Redwood said his 37-strong team had at least 40,000 pieces of evidence to go through, containing around 100,000 pages - some needing time-consuming translation.

"We believe that is the only way that we can properly establish what has happened to Madeleine McCann and ultimately bring closure by solving this case," he said.

Investigations showed what appeared to be "gaps" in the forensic timeline which led to the possibility of her still being alive.

Colin Firth appeals to save Brazil's threatened Awa tribe

Britain's Oscar-winning actor Colin Firth yesterday launched a major drive by Survival International to save "Earth's most threatened tribe," the Awa of the Brazilian Amazon.

Survival International, a leading advocate for tribal peoples' rights worldwide, said the Awa's territory has been invaded by a vast army of illegal loggers, ranchers and settlers, and the small tribe is threatened with "genocide" and "extinction."

The aim of the campaign is to persuade Brazilian Justice Minister Jose Eduardo Cardozo to send in federal police to clear out the loggers, ranchers and settlers, and keep them out.

A short film by Survival In-

HARKIV (AFP) - The Ukraine asked Germany yesterday to send a team of doctors to treat Yulia Tymoshenko after the opposition leader went on hunger strike to protest her alleged beating in jail.

The decision marked the latest chapter in a saga that has pitted Tymoshenko against President Viktor Yanukovich for the past two years while unravelling the Ukraine's relations with Europe and edging it closer into Russia's fold.

The fiery former Orange Revolution leader -- sentenced in October to seven years for abusing power while she was premier -- accused "three strong men" of throwing a sheet over her and punching her in the stomach before taking her to a state hospital.

Ukrainian prosecutors immediately denied the charges and accused Tymoshenko of staging a political provocation designed to further damage the current leadership's relations

with the European Union.

Tymoshenko's claims sparked a chorus of concern from the European Union and Washington, while also drawing calls from Moscow for the authorities to show "humanity" in the case.

A Ukrainian foreign ministry spokesman said Kiev had sent an "official request to Germany for its government to assist in the arrival of German doctors from the Charite clinic to examine and treat Yulia Tymoshenko."

The clinic's doctors had paid two prior visits to Tymoshenko's prison in the eastern city of Kharkiv and dismissed claims that she was feigning debilitating back pain that has kept her bed-ridden for months.

But German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle indicated the Ukraine had set certain conditions in its invitation that required more study from Berlin.



Colin Firth

ternational features an appeal by Firth to sign a petition calling on Cardozo to act to save the Awa.

"The Awa's forest is being illegally cut for timber. When the loggers see them, they kill

them. Their bows and arrows are no match for guns. And at any other time in history, that's where it would end. Another people wiped off the face of the earth, forever," Firth says in his appeal.

"But we're going to make sure the world doesn't let that happen."

Survival said the situation was now so critical that several Brazilian experts have spoken of a "genocide" and "extinction".

The organization said there are roughly 360 contacted Awa, many of them survivors of brutal massacres.

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International News

US Supreme Court reviews Arizona immigration law



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Supreme Court appeared to lean Wednesday in favor of upholding a controversial Arizona immigration law, brushing back arguments that the state's crackdown on illegal immigrants encroaches on federal powers.

Hundreds of protesters outside the court lashed out against provisions of the law that they say encourages racial profiling as the justices heard arguments for and against the law, known as SB1070.

The Arizona law has aroused intense controversy both pro and con because of provisions that require police to stop and demand proof of citizenship of anyone they suspect of being illegal, even without probable cause and require non-citizens to carry their identity papers with them at all times.

But Chief Justice John Roberts immediately put Solicitor General Donald Verrilli on the spot by pointing out that the federal government's arguments center not on the civil rights issues, but its claim under the constitution to exclusive authority in immigration matters.

He also suggested that the law's most controversial provisions

were not an effort to override federal law, but to support it.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, often the swing vote on the nine justice court, said Arizona was "cooperating in implementing federal law."

Even the three more liberal justices showed little enthusiasm for the government's position, although Justice Stephen Breyer expressed concern that the Arizona law would lead to longer detentions of significant numbers of people.

Outside the court, more than 1,000 opponents of the law gathered to denounce it as a violation of civil rights and a vehicle for discrimination against Hispanics.

"God, give us the courage to stand up against Draconian immigration laws," Reverend Gabriel Salguero, president of the National Latino Evangelical Coalition, said in a prayer. "God, help us to become a welcoming country, a nation of immigrants."

But conservative backers of the law emerged from the hour-long oral arguments optimistic that their side would prevail in June when the court is expected to hand down its decision.

Last year, lower courts opted to strike sections of the law they said would place a burden on legal resident aliens in Arizona, where a third of the 6.6 million people are foreign-born and more than 400,000 are illegal immigrants.

But Arizona appealed, claiming that "the federal government has largely ignored Arizona's pleas for additional resources and help" in stemming the tide of illegal immigration into the state, which borders Mexico.

Mexico and 17 other countries have also filed arguments with the Supreme Court opposing the law, saying the delegation of authority over such matters to individual states threatens bilateral relations with Washington.

US may have to strike Iran: Republican VP prospect

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Potential Republican vice presidential candidate Marco Rubio on Wednesday said a unilateral "military solution," from the United States may be needed to stop Iran acquiring a nuclear bomb.

Rubio, a freshman Senator for Florida, said in a speech in Washington that it was imperative that the United States not "stand on the sidelines" of a simmering Middle East, but instead provide leadership to resolve global crises.

Rubio, a member of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee recently campaigned with the presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, and has been touted as a possible running mate.

Rubio, 40, said multinational cooperation must be a priority in dealing with Iran,

the regime in Syria and a rising China.

But he focused on Iran, noting that "the goal of preventing a dominant Iran is so important that every regional policy we adopt should be crafted with that overriding goal in mind."

US officials should operate on a "dual track," with the United Nations and other international groups, to rein in Iran, he said.

Rubio, also lambasted Russian president-elect Vladimir Putin's preaching of "paranoia and anti-Western sentiments" and the "curtain of secrecy that veils the Chinese state."

"On the most difficult transnational challenges of our time, who will lead if we do not? The answer, at least today, is that no other nation or organization is willing or able to do so," he said.

Pinochet will gives no clues to fortune

SANTIAGO (AFP) - A Chilean court opened the will of late dictator Augusto Pinochet on Wednesday to find only a document changing the executor, delaying for months a probe into his estimated \$26 million fortune.

The document "contains no reference to provisions for the distribution of goods and property, which is probably in the will to which the modification refers, dated from 2002 and presented to another notary," said Alvaro Quintanilla, a lawyer from the Council of Defence of the State (CDE).

A new petition would probably be made to seek to open that document in three or four months' time, Quintanilla told reporters.

Pinochet modified the will in 2005, one year before he died and during a legal probe into the origin of a fortune held in scores of foreign bank ac-

counts.

The CDE asked for the will to be opened to pay off tax debts and future compensation for victims of the 1973-1990 dictatorship.

About \$20 million of Pinochet's fortune is believed

to sit in bank accounts outside the country. The rest is thought to be in property and money within Chile.

The late dictator's relatives claim to be struggling economically



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Health & Living

Aruba installs EZRA system to fine tune treatment for substance abuse



Minister Visser with Florus Mensinga



Directors of various foundations

Nearly two years ago, Aruba's Minister of Public Health and Sport, Richard Visser, announced a complete renovation of the existing programs for substance abuse on the island. The 15 independent foundations dealing with various degrees of abuse and rehabilitation would be merged under a single administration and united by having trained government experts working with them to streamline operation.

One Monday afternoon, April 23, Minister Visser was joined by directors from the various foundations to announce the EZRA system of documenting and coordinating files on each addict registered with a foundation was now online.

Mr. Florus Mensinga of the ICT department of the Dutch De Hoop Foundation, which is dedicated to health care, is on island to assist in the installation and customization for 15 stations carrying the EZRA System and training of the IT personnel of the foundations. An investment of 400,000 (\$2338.571) Aruban florins from the FDA acquired the hardware and software that provides complete and accurate documentation of each addict from the moment they enter the system. Mr. Mensinga explained the program has been very successful in Holland; with more than

600 workstations it allows social and medical workers to track an addict's care and medication from the beginning of treatment, thus resolving redundancies and conflicts.

Presently, on Aruba, one foundation from the next, each with its own direction of specialized care, might consider someone seeking assistance as a first time "client," when they likely have a history with other foundations. Their records might show they are prone to violence, adverse reactions to certain treatments, or have other requirements; to perform a proper service, the foundations need this information.

This EZRA System of file sharing will allow social and health workers instant access to an addicts history and special needs, to expedite the process of proper treatment and seeing they are placed within the correct environment. It has already proven quite effective in Holland and Capriles Clinic in Curacao is also reporting success with their deployment of EZRA.

Directors of the various Aruban foundations were gathered at the headquarters of the Fundacion pa Maneho di Adiccion di Aruba, (FMAA) in Dakota on Monday, to meet Mr. Mensinga and be instructed in use of the EZRA system when the announcement took place.

by Rosalie Klein

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US scientist claims to have found elusive G-spot



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US gynecologist claims to have found the G-spot, a supposed pleasure center on the front interior wall of the vagina, but some critics say not so fast.

In a study published in the Journal of Sexual Medicine on Wednesday, Adam Ostrzenski said he has confirmed the presence of the G-spot after extracting a tiny "well-delineated sac structure" from inside an 83-year-old cadaver.

"This study confirmed the anatomic existence of the G-spot, which may lead to a better understanding and improvement of female sexual function," said Ostrzenski, of the Institute of Gynecology in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The journal's editor-in-chief Irwin Goldstein said the finding "adds to the growing body of literature regarding women's sexual anatomy and physiology."

The G-spot, named after German gynecologist Ernst Graefenberg, who first mooted

its existence in 1950, is said to be a highly sensitive area in the vagina that, when stimulated, gives a woman a powerful orgasm.

But where the G-spot is located has been clouded by evidence that is subjective or contradictory, and some experts argue it does not exist.

Critics have cast doubt on the latest finding as well, noting that the supposed G-spot only seems to provide arousal for some women and that its importance may be overstated by sex product marketers.

In 2008, the same journal published an article by an Italian researcher who used an ultrasound to scan the vaginal area on nine women who claimed to experience vaginal orgasms and 11 who said they did not.

That study concluded that the anatomical feature exists, but that only some women have it. Critics countered that it was unclear whether the purported G-spot was a new structure or simply an extension of the clitoris.

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Over 300,000 could lose Internet access by July: FBI

(AFP) - The FBI warned this week that more than 300,000 Internet users worldwide could lose their Web access starting in July following a multi-million-dollar scam.

But users can breathe a sigh of relief as a solution is just a few clicks away at dcwg.org, a website the FBI created so people could check whether they have been infected with malware and remove any malicious software.

Six Estonians were arrested on charges of fraud in November after a two-year FBI sting -- Operation Ghost Click -- into the group's practice of infecting computers around the world with their DNS Changer malware, which made the machines vulnerable to viruses. A Russian collaborator remains at large.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that up to

568,000 computers were infected with the malware, which redirected users to fraudulent websites. Investigators say the alleged swindlers made up to \$14 million under the scam that involved online advertising.

"We replaced the bad service by a clean service so that way people's Internet access remained intact," FBI spokeswoman Jenny Shearer told AFP.

"But there's still a concern that there could be several hundreds of thousands of people in the US but also in EU and in India whose computer might be relying on the clean service," which was never intended as a permanent solution, she added.

Shearer said at least 300,000 people could still be affected.

Apple profit soars on rocketing iPhone-iPad sales



(AFP) - Apple's coffers continued to swell in the first three months of the year due to record sales of iPhones and iPad tablet computers, particularly in China and other parts of Asia.

Apple reported on Tuesday that it made a profit of \$11.6 billion on revenue of \$39.2 billion in the quarter ended March 31. The amount of cash Apple had on hand grew \$12 billion to \$110.2 billion.

Sales of iPads more than doubled from the same quarter the previous year and iPhone sales surged 88 percent.

Apple's net income for its second fiscal quarter was nearly double that seen in the same period a year earlier, when sales tallied \$24.7 billion.

The Cupertino, California-based company released the third-generation of its market-ruling iPad tablet computer in March, meaning its block-

buster sales have only begun to pump up Apple's bottom line.

The tablet computers are being embraced by companies, schools, and governments as well as by gadget lovers, according to Apple.

Apple sold two iPads for every Macintosh computer sold in the education market while still reporting record Mac sales.

The US Air Force allows flight crew members to use iPads to help do their jobs, and engineering and construction project titan Bechtel lets workers use the tablet computers in the field, according to Apple.

About three quarters of the world's top corporations are either using or testing iPads, according to Apple chief executive Tim Cook.

Overall sales of devices running on Apple's iOS mobile operating system have topped 365 million and the "ecosystem" of applications and accessories continues to blossom, according to executives.

Apple's online App Store boasts more than 600,000 mini-programs tailored for the company's coveted gadgets, with more than a third of those "apps" devoted to the iPad.

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NASA Releases Photo of Meteor Over Nevada



NASA yesterday released a rare photo of a 75-ton meteoroid streaking toward Earth over central and northern California on Sunday.

The photo taken in Reno shows the fireball from the meteor as it burned up while traveling east to west.

NASA scientists say the fireball was created by a mini-van-size asteroid that triggered a loud sonic boom as it broke apart and streaked through

Earth's atmosphere.

The fireball was spotted — and heard — on Sunday (April 22) when a space rock slammed into the Earth's atmosphere and ignited into a dazzling fireball at around 8 a.m. PDT. According to NASA's meteor expert Bill Cooke, the light show was created by the disintegration of a rock that weighed about 154,300 pounds (about 70 metric tons).

When the fireball broke apart, it released energy equivalent to a 5-kiloton explosion, Cooke explained. The powerful event was witnessed from as far north as Sacramento, Calif., and as far east as North Las Vegas, Nev.



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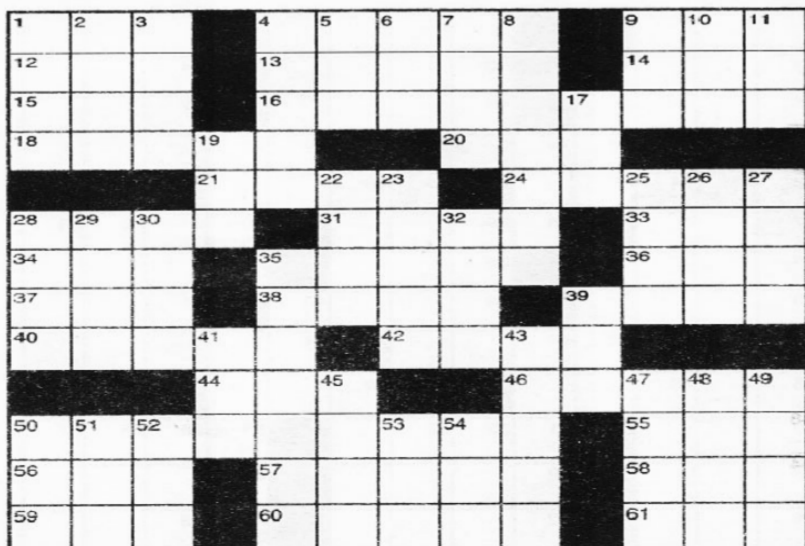
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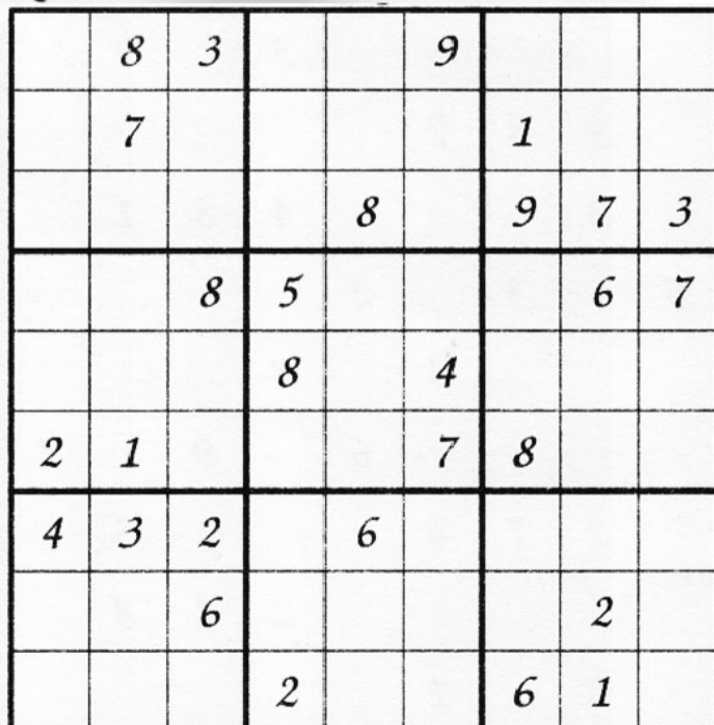
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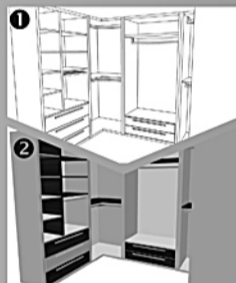
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Bernanke warns Fed cannot stop US debt crisis

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke yesterday warned Congress that he would be unable to stem a US debt crisis if lawmakers fail to get their fiscal house in order.

Using uncharacteristically terse language, Bernanke said it was vital for fiscal authorities to realize both the scope of the problem and the Fed's inability to manage it alone.

"The size of the fiscal cliff is such that there's I think absolutely no chance that the

Federal Reserve could or would have the ability whatsoever to offset that effect on the economy," he said.

Three years after the financial crisis the Federal Reserve is still using many of the few tools at its disposal to help the economy.

"It's imperative for Congress to give us a fiscal policy that achieves two principal objectives," Bernanke said, pointing to long term fiscal sustainability and sustaining short-term growth.

With the US hurtling toward November presidential elections, many fear that the country's rival parties in Congress will be unable to come together to prevent automatic tax hikes and spending cuts at the end of the year.

Bernanke described that eventuality would put the recovery at risk.

"I am concerned that if all the tax increases and spending cuts that are associated with the current law and which would take place absent any Congressional action were to occur on January 1st, that would be a significant risk to the recovery."

Finance

Fed sees more 2012 growth, less unemployment

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Federal Reserve yesterday said it sees the US economy growing more strongly than it thought this year, while unemployment would ease.

The Fed projected a maximum expansion of 2.9 percent by the end of the year, with the jobless rate falling to as low as 7.8 percent.

The central bank took a more optimistic view of the world's biggest economy than it had in January, when it put growth at 2.7 percent at best and the jobless rate falling only as low as 8.2 percent.

The Fed meanwhile upped its estimates for inflation to 1.9-2.0 percent, compared to the high forecast of 1.8 percent in January.

Core inflation, excluding food and energy prices, was raised to 1.8-2.0 percent, bumping into the central bank's 2.0 percent inflation target.

The January forecast was for a maximum 1.8 percent rise in core prices.

Over the longer term, gross domestic product

(GDP) growth readings were lowered for 2013 and 2014.

Top growth for 2013 was seen at 3.1 percent, down a tenth point from January's estimate.

But for 2014, the Fed cut the top estimate to 3.6 percent, from 4.0 percent.

Unemployment was expected to fall gradually, to a

low of a 7.3 percent rate in 2013 and 6.7 percent the next year.

The latest estimates were released following a two-day meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee that left the Fed's key interest rate near zero, where it has been since December 2008 to stimulate growth.

The FOMC policymakers said the economy was expanding "moderately" after exiting a deep recession almost three years ago.

Nokia chairman indicates company no longer leader

HELSINKI (AFP) - Nokia chairman Jorma Ollila indicated in an interview with Finnish media yesterday that his company was no longer the world's biggest mobile phone maker after 14 years at the top.

"Nokia was number one for 14 years and still has the chance to be so again," Ollila told commercial broadcaster MTV3.

The former Nokia chief executive, who will be leaving his position as chairman of the board next week, thus provided the first hint that the company is no longer leader.

Media reports have indicated for more than a week that Nokia was losing the top spot to Samsung, who along with Apple is already well ahead of

Nokia in the lucrative smart phone sector.

Nokia announced disastrous first quarter results last week, posting a net loss of 929 million euros (\$1.2 billion) and showing sales down 30 percent year-on-year for the first three months of the year.

The company also acknowledged that it had sold just 82.7 million mobile devices during the quarter, down from 108.5 million a year earlier.

While Samsung is not set to release its full first quarter results with details of the total number of units sold until Friday, analysts reportedly expect the figure to land somewhere between 85 and 92 million units.

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NEW YORK (AFP) - People magazine on Wednesday named Beyoncé the World's Most Beautiful Woman for 2012, describing her as a force of nature, style icon and proud mother. The 30-year-old singer, a 16-time Grammy Award winner, told the big-selling magazine that her recently born daughter had given new meaning to her life. "I feel more beautiful than I've ever felt because I've given birth," Beyoncé said. "I have never felt so connected, never felt like I had such a purpose on this earth." The "Crazy in Love," singer, and her husband Jay-Z announced the birth of daughter Blue Ivy in January this year. "She's just the cutest thing," Beyoncé told People.

Not all in Asia are Gaga over the Lady



start of a touring juggernaut encompassing 110 dates.

"I will perform the tour of your life," the performer tweeted to her 23 million Twitter followers.

The tour, featuring elaborate sets designed by in-house team Haus of Gaga, follows up on the success of her album "Born This Way", which has sold nearly

six million copies worldwide since it was released in May 2011.

But amid the hype and clamour for tickets is a drum beat of protest from those who do not take the gender-bending antics of the frequently scantily-clad US performer lightly.

Gaga will in June head to Indonesia, the world's biggest Muslim nation, where Islamic leaders have said her risque outfits will not be tolerated.

"I call on Lady Gaga to respect our cultural and traditional values. Most people here are Muslims and we cannot tolerate her revealing outfits and sexy performances," the Indonesia Ulema Council

leader Amidhan told AFP.

He added, however, that the country's highest Islamic body has no plan to issue a fatwa against her performing.

"It's better for Lady Gaga to cancel her show in this country if she has no willingness to respect our demand. Please do not destroy our nation's morality and ruin our dignity," said Amidhan, who goes by one name.

Big Daddy, the promoters for the concert in Jakarta, said tickets began selling in early March and were sold out within two weeks.

Conservative Christian groups in South Korea have rallied against the self-styled "Mother Monster", accusing her of promoting pornography and homosexuality on malleable young minds.

Scores of Protestant church members held a group prayer on Sunday against the concert, calling her dance moves "satanic" performances that "contaminate souls" of the country's youth.

South Koreans aged under 18 have been banned from the show, Lady Gaga's second concert in the country, after the government rated it unsuitable for younger audiences.

HONG KONG (AFP) - Accused of contaminating youngsters with "satanic" dance moves and "intolerable" outfits, the cult of Lady Gaga is on a collision course with Asia's moral guardians ahead of her mammoth world tour.

In other words, the performer -- who goes by the name of Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta when not clad in outfits made of raw meat or tottering on vertigo-inducing footwear -- is doing her job as a provocative pop star.

The multi-million-selling artist arrived in South Korea last week ahead of the first date of her "Born This Way Ball" at Seoul's 70,000 seat Olympic Stadium Friday, the

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Fresh Grouper in Scabeche Sauce

THE MORNING NEWS taste-testing team had a very, very pleasant surprise when stopping by the newly rechristened Scabeche, located in the Caribbean Palm Villas Resort. Veteran visitors will be pleased to become reacquainted with Anky, who they will recognise from her years with Aruba's top gourmet eatery, Chez Mathilde, but has now realized her long-time dream of welcoming and befriending patrons in her own charming venue.

Anky has completely remodeled the lovely space within the resort, which is just a short walk from the Palm

Beach resort area, to create a delightful ambiance and menu reflecting her great enthusiasm for fine food and quality service. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, after only one year they are receiving rave reviews under the original name, Caribbean Palm Restaurant. Scabeche is homage to the unique regional cooking which is their specialty, native to Peru and other Latin countries, but with a distinctly Caribbean flavor.

We absolutely must rave about their signature dish, Catch of the Day Escabeche, moist and fresh; we had grouper in a singular sauce

that has us ready to go back ASAP for another helping. We also sampled the Shrimp and Scallops appetizer and the Ceviche Aruban Style, as well as the Fruitti di Mare en Casserole, and recommend each of them highly. Scabeche is heaven for seafood lovers, but landlubbers will also be extremely pleased with the Tenderloin Tika, a HUGE steak skewer with loads of fresh vegetables.

Aside from their extremely pleasing and affordable regular menu, each night features some distinctive specialty. Monday is ITALIAN NIGHT including a free Caesar salad, Tuesday is HAPPY HOUR & 2 DOLLAR BEER STARTING AT 6PM, Wednesday is All You Can Eat BBQ Ribs for only \$19.95 and Thursday is THEIR SPECTACULAR CARNIVAL DINNER & SHOW (reservation required) and on Fridays a FARAWELL KARAOKE PARTY (50', 60', 70 music) with TAPAS MENU.

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Cas Animal Cont'd

A great family dog in need of a good home and a warning



Kiki and Bella

Cas Animal Foundation, which rescues abandoned dogs and cats off the streets, warns pet

owners that a virulent strain of distemper is sweeping through the canine population on Aruba. A number of infected dogs have been taken off the street, but were beyond saving; a few are now quarantined and receiving treatment. Distemper can be prevented by making sure your dog has been properly vaccinated and the booster shots are current, as well as making sure to keep them within the confines of your property and not allowing them to roam the neighborhood.

Kirsten Arndt, founder of Cas Animal has just taken in a healthy, handsome puppy who is in need of a good home.

She answers to Bella, has an extremely loving, sweet nature and will make a wonderful companion to a family with children, as she is very playful and forgiving of mistreatment, responding eagerly to affection. She has already shown she will be protective of the home, particularly if she is well treated.

If you see a dog on the street you suspect has distemper, or wish to adopt Bella, call Kiki at 742-8732 and she will take it to the vet and attempt to save it, if possible. This has been her mission in life since coming to live on Aruba 15 years ago, rescuing the stray, abandoned and abused dogs of the island. She cares for nearly 100 dogs and puppies in her home, which she has converted into a no-kill shelter, while struggling to

raise the funds for a proper facility on land she has already been awarded by the government.

Her costs for feeding them are astronomical, as well as her veterinary bills. If anyone wishes to help, they can support her cause by donations in the form of payment to the Cas Animal Foundation account at the Contreras Veterinary Clinics in Shaba or Savaneta, or to Animal Care Clinic in Paradera, phone number 582-8382, as well as making donations directly to the foundation's account: Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110. If you are not an island resident and wish to adopt a dog, Kiki has many that could use a good home and will assist you in the process, as

it is much easier to return to the U.S. with an Aruban dog than you might think. They require examination and certification by a qualified vet to pass quarantine standards prior to departure; Kiki will also help in obtaining a dog transport and getting them to the airport, if needed.

Also, mark your calendars for May 16 for an evening of fun and fundraiser at Senor Frog's. Kiki needs a new animal ambulance, and Topcar has been very generous in their arrangement to provide a new truck, but it still has to be paid for. The May 16 Happy Hour party at Senor Frog's promises lots of prizes and surprises, along with a very enjoyable way to support this worthy cause.

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Baseball: Darvish fans 10 to win all-Japan duel



Texas Rangers' Yu Darvish, of Japan

DALLAS (AFP) - Yu Darvish won the battle of Japanese hurlers, outpitching countryman Hiroki Kuroda by striking out 10 as the Texas Rangers blanked the New York Yankees 2-0 on Tuesday. Righthander Darvish improved to 3-0 on the season, scattering seven hits and walking just two in 8 1/3 innings, looking superb as he held the high-powered Yankees in check.

Darvish was asked after the game if this was as good as it gets.

"I'd like to think there is a little more that I can do," he said.

Kuroda allowed five hits and two runs in 6 2/3 innings

for the Yankees who saw their four-game win streak come to a halt. Kuroda, 37, struck out five and walked two as he fell to 1-3 on the season.

The marquee matchup featured Kuroda, the fifth-winningest Japanese pitcher in Major League Baseball history, against Darvish who is arguably the most-hyped pitching ace to come out of Japan.

The 25-year-old Darvish received a standing ovation from the crowd of 47,085 when he left

the game in the ninth inning with one batter already out. Darvish was pulled after allowing a Nick Swisher single.

Rangers catcher Mike Napoli said he and Darvish make a good team.

"It was easy for me," Napoli said. "We used every pitch imaginable. He has so many pitches. I am starting to learn them well and things are going really good."

This was the seventh matchup between Japanese starters and the first since 2010 when former Los Angeles Dodger Kuroda tossed eight shutout innings to defeat Hisanori Takahashi's New York Mets 2-0.

The other five matchups

comprised Kenshin Kawakami against Daisuke Matsuzaka in 2009, Matsuzaka against Tomo Ohka in 2007, Ohka against Mac Suzuki in 2002, Suzuki against Hideo Nomo in 2000 and Suzuki against Hideki Irabu in 1999.

Darvish had been hot and cold in his first three starts but he showed Tuesday why the Rangers decided to pay \$107.7 million to acquire him before the start of the season. Of that total, \$56 million is for his six-year deal and the rest was simply for the right to negotiate with him.

The Rangers jumped out to an early 1-0 lead thanks to an Ian Kinsler home run in the bottom of the first inning. Kinsler drove a one-and-one pitch over the left-centre field wall.

Darvish retired New York 1-2-3 in the second, striking out Swisher and Raul Ibanez to end the inning.

After Swisher singled in the ninth and Texas manager Ron Washington brought in reliever Joe Nathan, who ended it by earning his fifth save of the season.

Darvish also managed to pitch himself out of a couple of jams and got some help by a couple of brilliant defensive plays from shortstop Elvis Andrus.

Football: Dutch Euro 2012 advert riles Ukrainians

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A Dutch television commercial urging women not to let their husbands loose on the Euro 2012 cup because of the beautiful women awaiting them there has ruffled feathers in the Ukraine.

Ukrainian ambassador to the Netherlands, Olexander Horin, said Wednesday he will ask Dutch Energy Company NLE to remove the 25-second spot which he said was a latent appeal not to visit his country -- and sent the wrong image.

"I'm anxious and dismayed that it could send the wrong image, the wrong image to the Dutch people and also to the Ukrainian people, who are waiting to give their hospitality to Euro 2012 visitors," he told AFP.

The advert starts off with a women -- possibly a Dutch wife -- doing a Google search and clicking in images listed under "Ukrainian women."

A series of images of young women in skimpy underwear and suggestive positions then pop up.

The advert subtitled "keep them at home" shows the wife clicking on another website to buy a do-it-yourself beer tap, before closing the computer as her husband watches a football match in the background.

But Harald Swinkels, NLE's chief executive, dismissed the Ukrainians' concerns, saying it "obviously played on humour and cliches".

Swinkels declined to say how much the commercial cost NLE, the country's largest independent energy supplier.

Calling the Ukrainian ambassador's reaction "disproportionate", Swinkels was to meet Horin in Rotterdam to discuss the issue.

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NBA: World Peace hit with seven-game ban



The Los Angeles Lakers' Metta World Peace, left, puts an elbow to the face of the Oklahoma City Thunder's James Harden, drawing a double flagrant foul during a game in Los Angeles on Sunday.

NEW YORK (AFP) - NBA disciplinary officials slapped Los Angeles Lakers forward Metta World Peace with a seven-game suspension Tuesday for a vicious elbow to the head of Oklahoma City guard James Harden.

The ban came two days after World Peace, formerly known as Ron Artest, drove his left elbow into the side of Harden's head during a game at Staples Center arena.

"We remain committed to taking necessary measures to protect the safety of NBA players, including the imposition of appropriate penalties for players with a history of on-court altercations," said commissioner David Stern.

World Peace once served one of the longest suspensions in league history -- a 86-game

ban for his role in a fight between Indiana players and Detroit Pistons fans in November 2004.

The then Pacers player charged into the stands to attack a fan after someone threw an object at him, while other Pacer players brawled with Pistons fans on the court.

Harden suffered a concussion in Sunday's incident and has yet to be cleared to play.

Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak called World Peace a "model citizen" who suffered a "lapse in judgement" which can't be condoned.

"Metta has for the most part been a model citizen both on and off the court since joining the Lakers," Kupchak said in a news release. "Still, his most recent lapse in judgement is not to be condoned or accepted."

"His actions could have seriously injured another player, and his absence during this suspension will hurt our team as well."

The suspension starts with the Lakers' final regular season game today and extends into the postseason.

Baseball: Hardin slams evidence against Clemens

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Defense lawyers made their opening statements in the Roger Clemens perjury retrial Tuesday with Rusty Hardin claiming that evidence against his client had been manipulated.

Hardin used his opening comments to tell jurors that evidence collected by Clemens' former strength coach Brian McNamee was a "mixed up hodgepodge of garbage."

"Is there any market for this book if he hadn't made these allegations about Roger Clemens?" asked Clemens' lawyer Hardin.

Hardin told jurors that McNamee injected Clemens with vitamin B12 then put steroids in the needle after the fact. Clemens has maintained for years that he received B12 shots and the local anesthetic lidocaine. He denies using performance-enhancing drugs.

Government witness McNamee said previously he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone.

Clemens is charged with lying when he denied taking

HGH and steroids in a 2008 US Congressional hearing.

Only two witnesses had been called last July when Walton declared a mistrial because prosecutors presented evidence that had already been ruled inadmissible.

Prosecutor Steven Dunham said in his opening statement that Clemens was a baseball star who became embroiled in a tale of dishonesty and deception after first denying an investigator's 2007 report that he had taken steroids and HGH.

If convicted, Clemens could face 30 years in prison and a fine of \$1.5 million, though sentencing guidelines would suggest he receive somewhere between 15 and 21 months behind bars.

The jury set to render a verdict in the Clemens case is made up of 10 women and six men.

Walton ruled on Monday that Andy Pettitte, a former Clemens teammate, will not be allowed to testify to receiving HGH from McNamee.

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YANKEES	6	6	.500	1.0	MIAMI	6	6	.500	3.5
BOSTON	4	8	.333	3.0	PHILADELPHIA	5	7	.417	4.5
Central		W	L	Pct GB	Central		W	L	Pct GB
DETROIT	9	3	.750	--	ST. LOUIS	9	3	.750	--
CHICAGO	6	5	.545	2.5	MILWAUKEE	6	6	.500	3.0
CLEVELAND	5	5	.500	3.0	PITTSBURG	5	7	.417	4.0
MINNESOTA	4	8	.333	5.0	HOUSTON	4	8	.333	5.0
KANSAS	3	9	.250	6.0	CINCINNATI	4	8	.333	5.0
West		W	L	Pct GB	West		W	L	Pct GB
TEXAS	10	2	.833	--	LA DODGERS	9	3	.750	--
SEATTLE	7	6	.538	3.5	ARIZONA	7	5	.538	2.0
OAKLAND	6	7	.462	4.5	SAN FRANCISCO	6	6	.500	3.0
LA ANGELES	4	8	.333	6.0	COLORADO	6	6	.500	3.0
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Tennis: Nadal starts Barcelona title defence with win



BARCELONA (AFP) - Rafael Nadal began his title defence at the Barcelona Open on Wednesday with a 6-1, 6-2 defeat of compatriot Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, who had defeated the king of clay two years ago in Thailand.

Top seed Nadal, champion at the Real Club de Tennis in six of the last seven editions - he missed 2010 with knee trouble - claimed his 30th match victory in a row at his home event.

Nadal didn't have it all his own way, with his 78th-ranked opponent winning only his second game of the match as he managed a break with Nadal leading a set and 4-0.

The top seed eventually finished the job with some slight difficulty after Garcia-Lopez saved a match point with a forehand in the final game before the end came after 81 minutes.

Garcia-Lopez beat Nadal in Bangkok two years ago indoors and also put out tournament second seed Andy Murray in Indian Wells in March.

Nadal admitted his dodgy left knee was not perfect but insisted it won't be a problem for him.

Top seed Nadal, whose vic-

tory was his 30th in a row at the clay event in the Catalan capital, told reporters he had felt a slight twinge of pain in his left knee, but remains unconcerned: "It's normal."

Nadal, the world number two, picked up where he had left off on his favourite surface last weekend when he won an historic eighth consecutive trophy in Monte Carlo, ending a seven-match loss streak to world number one Novak Djokovic.

Nadal was joined in the third round by friend and compatriot David Ferrer as the third seed - he has lost three Barcelona finals to Nadal - crushed Serbian wild card Filip Krajinovic 6-0, 6-3.

Ferrer said he is working through the physical problems which bothered him last week.

Japan's Kei Nishikori demonstrated his growing confidence on the clay with a battling 6-3, 4-6, 6-0 defeat of Kazakhstan's Mikhail Kukushkin which took just under two hours.

The eighth seed from Tokyo has been playing his fourth clay event this season after competing in South America in February highlighted by a quarter-final in Argentina.

Nishikori has duplicated his third-round Barcelona showing from a year ago and next faces either Spain's Albert Ramos or Frenchman Benoit Paire.

Canadian Milos Raonic, the number 11, raced through the second set to beat Igor Andrejev 6-4, 6-1 while South African 13th seed Kevin Anderson advanced over Federico Delbonis of Argentina 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/5).

Football: Bayern Munich reach Champions League final

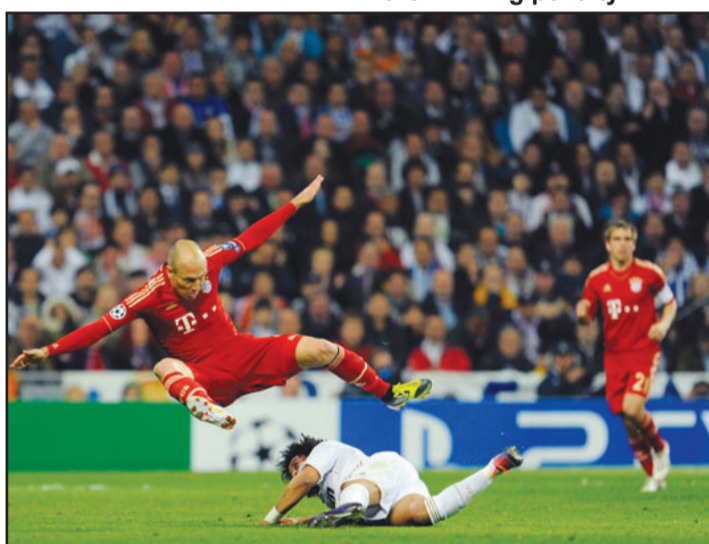
MADRID (AFP) - Bayern Munich reached the Champions League final here on Wednesday beating nine-time champions Real Madrid 3-1 on penalties after the two-legged match finished 3-3 on aggregate.

Bastian Schweinsteiger slotted home the winning penalty in a thrilling shootout which saw Bayern lead 2-0 at one point after Cristiano Ronaldo and Kaka missed theirs for Real.

However, Toni Kroos and captain Philipp Lahm then missed theirs with Xabi



Bastian Schweinsteiger of Bayern Munich celebrates scoring the winning penalty



Bayern Munich's Dutch midfielder Arjen Robben (up) vies for the ball Real Madrid's Brazilian defender Marcelo (down.)

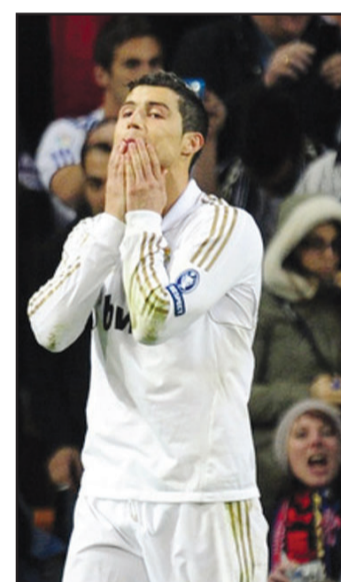
Alonso getting one back for Real but Sergio Ramos blasted his effort high into the stands and Schweinsteiger made no mistake.

A double from Ronaldo early in the match looked to have set the hosts on their way but an Arjen Robben penalty in the first period made the match all square.

It was some compensation for Robben, who had somehow missed an open goal from two yards out in the first-half.

The winners will meet Chelsea in the May 19 final in Munich - the English side hav-

ing eliminated holders Barcelona on Tuesday 3-2 on aggregate.



Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo reacts after missing a penalty

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